







# REPORTS

OF THE

## SELECTMEN,

THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

AND THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

## TOWN OF HUDSON,

FOR

## 1856-7.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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*State of the Treasury Feb. 26, 1856 :*

Outstanding taxes, J. Emery's list, 1854,	36 77	
“ “ “ “ 1855,	1690 04	
Cash in the Treasury,	13 54	
Whole amount in the Treasury, Feb. 26, 1856,	—	<u>\$1740 35</u>

B. F. CHASE, LUTHER POLLARD, JOHN CROSS,	}	Selectmen.
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### RECEIPTS.

Feb. 23, 1857, whole amount in hands as per above,	1740 35	
Amount of assessments and receipts for 1856-7 :		
Tax for town, school, and Teachers' Institute,	2411 62	
State tax,	282 10	
County tax,	511 96	
Received of State, Railroad tax,	96 48	
“ for land sold James Nichols,	66 25	
“ of G. W. Hills for bridge plank,	2 45	
“ of the town of Pelham for support of Thaddeus Griffin,	9 57	
“ of Emery Burnham, over payment breaking roads,	60	
“ of Wm. Warren, for bridge plank,	1 40	
Whole amount of receipts,	—	<u>\$5122 78</u>



## DISBURSEMENTS.

*Bills Paid for 1855.*

Caleb Richardson, as Sup. School Committee, 1855-6	30 00
Emery Burnham, for breaking roads,	9 00
Amos Winn, " " "	1 50
Paul Colburn, error in settlement,	4 00
Daniel W. Clement, for breaking roads,	10 50
B. F. Chase, for services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, 1855-6,	37 87
Luther Pollard, " " "	28 00
John Cross, " " "	30 17
D. O. Smith, for prof. ser. at Almshouse,	20 00
" " for visit to New Salem to widow Wyman,	3 00
J. E. Davis, medical services at T. Senter's and L. Senter's, 1855-6,	40 50
Samuel Palmer, for board and funeral charges Widow Wyman,	53 00
Robert A. Andrews, for breaking roads,	3 75
Wm. T. Baldwin, " " "	33 62
Henry Kent, " " "	3 00
Jefferson Smith, for build. fires at Town House,	3 00
Jeremiah Smith, for breaking roads,	1 00
Simeon Robinson, " " "	12 50
Charles Steele, for over assessment, 1855,	5 00
David Clement, Jr., balance for services at Almshouse,	134 91

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\$464 32*Bills Paid for 1856 :*

John S. Ellinwood, for board of David Wil- son from May 24 to Sept. 6, 1856,	22 50
Hills & Marshall, for goods delivered for Alms- house,	107 45
Hills & Marshall, goods for N. Marshall,	4 00
Jonathan Tenney, cash for Teacher's Institute,	24 18
John Cross, for relief of N. Marshall,	12 50
N. P. Greene & Co., for invoice books and stationery,	8 80
Wm. Caldwell, for plank and repairing bridge near Goss's Mill,	5 73
Mary Hill, for note against town,	900 94
James M. Bean, lumber for bridges in district No. 4,	9 14
Aaron R. Foster, for relief of James Corliss,	3 26
Eli Hamlet, for services as sexton,	2 00
Nashua Bank, for note against the town,	487 00
James Emery, for abatement of taxes in 1854,	7 66
" " " " " " " 1855,	41 67

James Emery, non-resident highway tax, 1855,	17 48
“ “ for collecting taxes 1855,	53 00
“ “ for abatement of taxes 1854-5,	9 97
Hills & Marshall, goods for Almshouse,	49 99
O. Bristol & Co., goods for Almshouse,	24 56
Albin Beard, for printing town reports,	12 00
Jonathan C. Dudley, lighting bridge 52 weeks, oil, lanterns, &c.,	23 53
J. & A. J. Rockwood, for coffins and robe for S. Smith and N. Marshall,	7 37
J. T. Palmer, for relief of James Corliss,	53
John Cross, for relief of Frenchmen,	1 33
John S. Ellinwood, for board of David Wil- son from Sept. 6, 1856, to March 10, 1857,	13 00
Abi A. Sanders, for services, sheets, &c., at N. Marshall's funeral,	2 00
Caleb Richardson, for tax bills, tax book, and recording non-resident tax list,	3 63
John Cross, for repairing and snowing T. Falls bridge,	7 00
Dana Sargent, for relief of N. Marshall,	1 00
Paul Colburn, for services as Town Treasurer and recording taxes,	13 00
James E. Doil, for repairing bridge near Goss's mill,	1 00
Reuben Greely, for making deed of a piece of land at town farm,	1 00
Silas Hills, for relief of N. Marshall,	9 00
David Clement, for expenses to Boston, books and stationery,	6 33
John Cross, medicine for Thomas Senter's fam- ily, and robe for S. Smith,	1 00
State tax,	282 10
County tax,	511 96

*For Schools:*

Thomas Gowing,	District No. 1,	88 89
Solomon Chase,	“ “ 2,	88 89
Samuel Morrison,	“ “ 3,	71 11
Paul Colburn,	“ “ 4,	88 89
George W. Hazelton,	“ “ 5,	88 89
Tyler Thomas,	“ “ 6,	88 89
Simeon Robinson,	“ “ 7,	71 11
William H. Cross,	“ “ 8,	71 11
Benjamin H. Kidder,	“ “ 9,	71 11
Granville Hill,	“ “ 10,	71 11

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Total disbursements,

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\$3952 93

Total receipts,	5122 78
Total disbursements,	3952 93
Balance in favor of town,	<u>\$1169 85</u>

*The Town is owing the following bills:*

David Clement, for services as Selectman and and Overseer of the Poor,	35 00	
John Cross, do.,	34 00	
J. T. Palmer, do.,	31 50	
Dr. D. O. Smith, medical services,	20 00	
Dr. D. O. Smith, " " in James Corliss's family,	5 00	
Caleb Richardson, for services as Superintending School Committee,	30 00	
Note to Luther Pollard,	1135 00	
David Clement, Jr., for services,	57 57	
		<u>\$1348 07</u>
Balance of receipts,		1169 85
Balance against the town,		<u>\$178 22</u>

*State of the Treasury February 24, 1857:*

Outstanding taxes J. Emery's list, 1855,	5 00	
" " C. Richardson's list, 1856,	1023 51	
Cash in the Treasury,	141 34	
		<u>\$1169 85</u>

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts, from February 26, 1856, to February 24, 1857, and find them correct.

DAVID CLEMENT,	} Selectmen of Hudson.
JOHN CROSS,	
J. T. PALMER,	

Hudson, Feb. 24, 1857.



## ALMS-HOUSE REPORT.

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### *Receipts off the Farm :*

For chopping, from Thomas Boyd,	21 15	
For labor, from D. Clement, Jr.,	10 00	
Due from the Town for breaking roads,	11 80	
Amount off the Farm,	<u>          </u>	\$42 95
Amount at the Farm,		329 84
		<u>          </u>
		\$372 79

### *Expenditures :*

David Clement, Jr., cash paid by him for the Town,	188 56	
Hills & Marshall, bill of goods,	157 44	
O. Bristol & Co., bill of goods,	24 56	
Dr. D. O. Smith, for medical services,	20 00	
David Clement, Jr., for services	230 00	
Whole amount of expenditures,	<u>          </u>	620 56
“ “ of receipts,		372 79
		<u>          </u>
Balance against Alms-House,		\$247 77

### *Expenses of Poor off the Farm :*

For relief of Betsey Wyman, 1855-6,	53 00	
“ “ “ David Wilson, 1856,	35 50	
“ “ “ N. Marshall, 1855-6,	32 87	
“ “ “ James Corliss,	8 79	
Whole expense of Poor off the Farm,	<u>          </u>	130 16
Total balance against the Town,		<u>          </u>
		\$377 93

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### *Invoice of Stock, Provisions, Farming Tools, &c., at the Alms-House, Feb. 21, 1857 :*

1 horse,	130 00
1 pair oxen,	125 00
1 pair steers,	70 00
4 Cows,	130 00

2 two years old heifers,	35 00
11 tons E. hay,	198 00
1½ tons meadow hay,	9 00
1-2 ton straw,	3 00
1 horse waggon,	8 00
1 wheel-barrow, 4,00, 3 ploughs, 17,00,	21 00
Butts and stalks,	2 00
1 hay-cutter, 3 ox yokes,	8 00
4 hay forks, 4 rakes,	1 25
3 shoats,	38 00
1 ox sled, 1 ox cart,	42 00
1 ox waggon, 1 horse rake,	14 50
1 winnowing mill,	5 00
1 S. sleigh, robe and cushion,	16 00
1 single harness,	14 00
1 grindstone, 4 axes, 6,50, 1 saw, 50	7 00
65 bushels corn, 65,00, 12 bushels oats, 6,00,	71 00
46 lbs. lard, 6,90, 4 bushels white beans, 6,00,	12 90
4 bushels col. beans, 8,00, 175 lbs. beef, 12,25,	20 25
3 grass scythes and snaths 1,50, 3 bush do. 1,00,	2 50
1 bog hoe, 1 manure hook,	2 00
5 hoes, 2 ox chains, 3 stake chains,	3 00
1 cultivator, 4,50, 1 manure fork, 3 shovels, 3,00	7 50
1 sett measures, 1,00, 2 augers, 2 chisels, 2,00,	3 00
2 saws, 2 squares,	1 50
2 grain shovels, 1 stone hammer,	1 25
1 string bells, 1 old harness,	1 67
1 iron bar, 1 harrow,	5 50
3 baskets, 4 cider barrels,	2 50
65 bushels potatoes,	52 00
1-2 bbl. soap, 1-2 bushel onions,	2 40
300 lbs pork,	42 00
1½ bbls. apples, 10 lbs. dried apple,	4 25
1 bbl. cider, 1-2 bbl. vinegar,	5 00
45 lbs. butter, 10,80, 85 lbs. ham, 10,62,	21 42
20 lbs tallow, 5 pots,	3 75
65 lbs. flour,	2 83
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\$1144 97	

The Town Farm has not sustained itself the past year, as may be seen by the Report. The average number of poor at the farm has been larger than that of last year. The present number at the farm is ten.

As regards a Superintendent, we have hired John Seavey and wife, for the coming year, for \$130.

DAVID CLEMENT, } Overseers  
JOHN CROSS, } of  
JAMES T. PALMER, } the Poor.

Hudson, Feb. 24, 1857.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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*District No. I.* Thomas Gowing, Prudential Committee. This school was taught both summer and winter by Miss Louisa P. Copp of Nashua. Miss Copp is a faithful and energetic teacher, and her school fully sustained its former reputation for good order and promptness in recitations. We saw several maps very neatly and correctly drawn by the scholars, which deserve especial commendation. Algebra and physiology were the extra branches taught.

*District No. II.* Solomon Chase, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Sarah L. Marsh, with her usual success. The closing examination gave evidence of thorough instruction and wholesome discipline on one hand, and a good degree of attention and study on the other.

The Winter Term, under the tuition of Miss Mary A. Buttrick, an experienced and successful teacher, for some reason has not been so profitable as might have been expected. While a few have made fair improvement, more have spent their time very unprofitably. The difficulty seems to be a want of interest in the duties of the school-room. We very much question the propriety of employing a female teacher in that district while the school retains its present features.

*District No. III.* Samuel Morrison, Prudential Committee.—There was no Summer School in this district. The Winter Term was taught by Mr Lyman B. Gage, of Pelham. The school was very prosperous, and we believe gave satisfaction to all concerned. We found a very fine class in mathematics, which had completed Greenleaf's Algebra.



*District No. IV.* Paul Colburn, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Ann M. Chase, of Nashua.—The school rewarded her patient and persevering efforts with a fair degree of improvement. The Winter Term was commenced by Mr — Sargent, of Warner, who soon found that he was not adapted to the school, or the school to him, and left at the end of two weeks. His place was filled by Mr Hiram Woods, of Merrimack. Mr. Woods is too well known as a teacher to need comment. His independent course with this school has won him some enemies, (which is no bad omen,) and he has many friends among the lovers of order. Large and small, rich and poor, we think, received like reward from his impartial hand. We never derived so much satisfaction from an examination in this district, from the simple fact that the order was such we could give our attention to the recitations. The parents have shown their appreciation of a good school by subscribing liberally to continue it.

*District No. V.* George W. Hazleton, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Mary A. Buttrick. We visited this school at the commencement, found it in a good condition, and have been informed that all concerned were *well* satisfied. Sickness prevented our being present at the close.

The Winter Term, under the tuition of Mr Luther D. Shepard, of Nashua, was short but very profitable. Good improvement was made in all branches taught, but more especially in reading. We have seldom seen more improvement in the same time.

*District No. VI.* Tyler Thomas, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term, under the care of Miss Amanda M. Harris, of Nashua, was very succesful, and gave evidence of the persevering exertion, both of teacher and pupils.

The Winter Term was taught by Henry C. Davis, of Nashua.—Mr Davis entered upon his task with energy and perseverance, and we were *satisfied* at the close, that neither teacher or pupils had been idle. His classes all appeared well. One in reading and one in geography were excellent. The teacher reports eight pupils not communicating in any way without liberty, during the term.

Mr Davis taught a select school of six weeks in this district, previous to commencing the winter term.

*District No. VII.* Simeon Robinson, Prudential Committee. There have been 14 weeks school in this district, taught by Miss Lucinda P. Clement. This school made commendable progress. The scholars were very irregular in their attendance, which is a serious evil and should be overcome if possible.

*District No. VIII.* William Cross, Prudential Committee.—This is a very small school, yet it is by no means destitute of interest. The scholars manifest a desire to learn such as we find in

few schools. We noticed particularly a class in Colburn's Arithmetic, which we think as good as can be found. This school has been taught Summer and Winter by Miss S. L. Marsh.

*District No. IX.* Benjamin H. Kidder, Prudential Committee. This school, under the charge of Miss Mary A. Buttrick, made good improvement, and appeared well at the examination.— We think if parents would take a deeper interest in their schools, and watch the moral deportment of their scholars more closely, they would receive a greater benefit from them.

*District No. X.* Granyille Hill, Prudential Committee. Summer Term taught by Miss Lucinda P. Clement. This was a good school and gave general satisfaction. Mr. Harvard P. Smith taught the Winter School. This was his first school. He acquitted himself *well*, and we were satisfied at the close that the teacher and scholars had spent their time to *good* advantage. Algebra was taught during the winter term.

Districts.	Terms.	TEACHERS.	Wages of Teacher per mo.	No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. Weeks.	No. Visits by Sup. Com.	No. Visits by Prud. Com.	No. Visits by Citizens.
1	1	L. B. Copp,	\$14 00	39	28	10	1		16
	2	" " "	20 00	41	28	12	2		40
2	1	S. L. Marsh,	14 00	24	20	8	2		20
	2	M. A. Buttrick,	22 00	35	35	10	3		23
3	1	L. B. Gage,	35 00	20	15½	10	2		25
4	1	A. M. Chase,	15 00	48	37	14	2	2	58
	2	Mr. Sargent,				2			
	2	H. Woods,	40 00	52	45	6½			50
5	1	M. A. Buttrick,	14 00	23	20	10	1	2	38
	2	L. D. Shepard,	26 00	17	15½	7	2	2	22
6	1	A. M. Harris,	16 00	29	23	12	2		6
	2	H. C. Davis,	30 00	22	22	12	2	1	26
7	1	L. P. Clement,	14 00			7	1		
	2	" " "	18 00	32	22	7	2		24
8	1	S. L. Marsh,	14 00	15	12	12	1	1	20
	2	" " "	18 00	13	11	10	1	2	27
9	1	M. A. Buttrick,	14 00	28	22	8	1	1	14
	2	" " "	18 00	28	23	6	2	1	23
10	1	L. P. Clement,	13 00	15	14	8	2		40
	2	H. P. Smith,	25 00	26	20	12	2	1	51

This table may not be perfectly correct, as the registers were not filled in all particulars as they should have been.

The amount of money raised by the town for Schools the present year, was \$88,89 for the large, and \$71,11 for the small districts. The Literary Fund, \$8,60 for each district, making in all about \$886,00, besides the Surplus Revenue, which some of the districts still retain.

A few hints, in conclusion, to parents. Let wholesome discipline of mind and manners be enforced in the retirement of the home circle, and the salutary influence will remain with your child through all after life.

In your choice of teachers, be guided more by the *quality* than the *price*; then *look* after them as strictly, at least, as you would your farm laborers, and for the *same* purpose—to see whether or not they are *faithful* in their work. Our registers show an increase of more than 200 in the number of visits by citizens over last year.

There is one *prominent fault* in some of our schools, viz. *Tardiness*, of which in eight districts there is an aggregate number of 1377 cases—the other two not reported. This fact *should* set parents *thinking*.

Respectfully submitted by

C. RICHARDSON, *Superintending Committee.*

Hudson, N. H., Feb. 27th, 1857.





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